(c) whether the District Educational Officers and Deputy Inspectors are qualified to inspect these classes and if not, what provision has been made for such inspection ;

(d) the number of qualified instructors of such classes and how many of them have been trained at Serampore, how many at Madras and how many are unqualified ; and

(e) whether the Government propose to consider the question of appointing proper inspectors or supervisors of such classes ?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the statements on pages 68 to 75 and 84 to 97 of Volume II of the Report on Public Instruction for 1927-28.

(c) & (e) No. Manual training classes are inspected by the Adviser to Government on Manual Training.

(d) The information is not available.

Purchase of books by public libraries out of Government grant.

*1680 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that when public libraries have to purchase books out of Government grant the Government have ordered that all the books have to be approved by the District Educational Officer ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the District Educational Officers have been compelling the libraries to purchase only books approved by the Text Book Committee and thus preventing the libraries from going for up-to-date books with good reputation available in the market; and

(c) whether the Government in allotting grants propose to give complete freedom to the libraries to purchase any books they like provided they are not proscribed ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government have no information.

(c) No.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"With reference to the answer to clause (a), may I know whether Government have given any instructions to the Educational officers as to what books they should approve of and what to reject ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"No such instructions have been issued."

Medical inspection of girls in secondary schools.

*1681 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether medical inspection of girls reading in secondary schools is optional at present ; and

(b) whether the Government propose to make it compulsory and, if not, why not ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The feasibility of making it compulsory is being examined.